

Although many advocates of LPFM feel that there is little value in national services such as KLOVE radio, I believe that it is only because it doesn't fit in with their personal agenda. KLOVE is a listener supported radio station and as a financial supporter I believe that it is my right, along with other KLOVE supporters, to keep it on the air. We are paying to get what we want to hear, a service that in many cases is not available anywhere else. It isn't like we can just turn the channel and a comparable substitute will be there. In my area, KLOVE offers a service to the Portales and Clovis, NM area that I can't get within a 100 miles in any direction. There are other Christian stations alright, but they do not begin to compare to the quality of KLOVE. It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with inspirational music and messages that help keep me going all week long. I get more high-quality music without commercial advertising and the unwanted lewd comments that secular stations think is so necessary. KLOVE has a pastoral staff on call to pray or counsel with anyone who needs it. They have an online feature that lets me submit prayer requests. They keep me on top of the music world with the top songs listed and links to the artists web sites where I can find more inspiration and encouragement. If I've heard a particularly uplifting message, I can go to the website and find contact information for the organization or person who delivered it. They also keep a current list by state of events that might include concerts by Christian music artists or speakers. When my radio breaks down and it has, I can still listen online. KLOVE is a lifeline for me that is like family in a city where I'm a college student without family. I cannot imagine life without it and you can't make up for it with a poor excuse of a substitute just because YOU don't see the value in it. If you listened to it, you wouldn't have to ask what value it has!!!! In a college town, the effect could be monumental simply because college students are often struggling for their place in the world and KLOVE helps tremendously with that. Secular stations offer me music that invites me to drink until I can't feel a thing, go out and have illicit sex, do drugs and tear down those who insult me or try to take away my rights. There are enough stations like that in my area and listening to them tears me down spiritually, mentally and morally. It is in my best interests to keep it, but much more than that, it is in the public's best interests to keep KLOVE going. They've given me much more than I can ever repay.